

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, then Senator Rogers, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, anyone here who has been here more than a month or so knows that timing is all important in the legislative process. On some given day you can get about anything you want. As you saw this morning we were handing out money, 12 million bucks for the railroad deficiencies and 150,000 for Senator Nelson's favorite project. There are days you couldn't get 150,000 out of here if you gave your life for it. It just so happens we have a few extra bucks this year so it is easier to get your dipper in the bucket. It's always also interesting to go back and read the legislative record and read the transcripts. Sometimes rather than just lollygagging around with a novel you ought to read some of this stuff. This is the public testimony on LB 1, LB 2 and LR 1. Many of you don't remember what LR 1 was. Well, Senator Haberman would know. Senator Jim Pappas would know. Former Senator John DeCamp would know. That was the equivalent of what 249 is this year only it was during the special session way back in August 27 of 1984. Senator DeCamp and Pappas and Haberman came in and introduced that amendment and they said you must repeal the uniformity clause. If you want to do what needs to be done you must repeal that uniformity clause and there were a number of groups who said, well, no, we don't really need that, we'd rather go this other route. We went the route, I believe, with LR 8, Senator? Seven, anyway, and so not perhaps impossibly but there is just a little bit of a chance that maybe because John DeCamp and Pappas and Haberman brought LR 1 before the committee that it was opposed by a group of people who ought to have known better, many of them farm groups. And as a result, and I could go through here and bring it out, but John DeCamp said if you don't go the LR 1 route you've done nothing and Senator Haberman said, and I don't very promote Senator Haberman, but he is going to be reminding me of this many times. I'll paraphrase what he said. If you don't pass LR 1 you're going to be back to square one before long. That is where we are at, square one. Now it may well be that the brass ring has passed us by. It may well be that we cannot because the mood has changed, the mood has changed. I support 249, I support 249, but the mood is changed and there is a different situation out there and then again, I want to remind my rural colleagues who blissfully and blithely go along with much of what has been done for business and industry and banking and commerce and